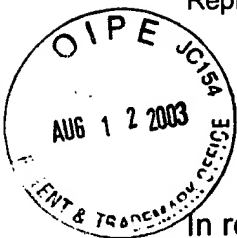


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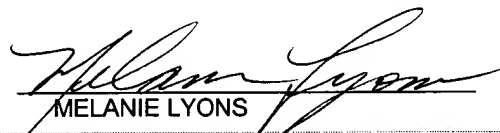
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003 (paper no. 13), Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Applicants also submit a new Information Disclosure Statement with a copy of the IDS filed on September 1, 2000, and copies of all cited publications and patents. Also accompanying this response is a petition for a one-month extension of time and fee, thereby extending the time to respond from July 7, 2003 to August 7, 2003. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.